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PETITION AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3), Applicants request consideration of the claim for priority in this Preliminary Amendment. Applicants state that the entire delay in making this claim was unintentional.

Please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-0733 in the amount of \$1,240.00 for the petition fee as set by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(t). However, if the calculated fee is not correct, you are authorized to charge any additional fee to our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Prior to examination on the merits of the application filed on December 21, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, following the title, please insert the following new paragraph:

--This application is a Continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/943,682, filed

A) October 14, 1997, now Patent No. 6,174,721--